

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

Donnie Daniels led the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The first of order of business was to elect officers for 2020.

Commissioner Williamson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kenney to reappoint Leland Adams as Chairman. Commissioners Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Commissioner Adams abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kenney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to appoint Clarence Thomas as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Thomas abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board reappointed Paul Cook as the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the December 9, 2019 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Commissioners Adams, Kenney, Thomas and Williamson voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer opposed. Motion carried. The minutes from the December 10, 2019 public hearing were approved on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 17, 2019 called meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Commissioner Palmer abstained. Motion carried.

Michele Johnson from the Toombs-Montgomery Chamber of Commerce informed the Board of upcoming events including the 2020 Annual Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Vidalia Community Center and a groundbreaking for Robin Builders on January 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm and a ribbon cutting in Lyons at Prime Cut Steakhouse in downtown Lyons on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Joe Filippone, Director of Economic Development reported a dedication ceremony for the new Brewton Parker College Student Center will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

Under Reports, Drew James from Toombs-Montgomery EMS reported there were 82 call in December 2019 and a total of 1,030 calls for the year. They are still waiting on the grant for first responder classes.

Donnie Daniels, EMA Director, reported there were 375 fire calls in 2019. The final Hazard Mitigation meeting will be on Thursday, January 23 at 4:30 at the Adult Literacy Center. There will be a spring exercise planning meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Adult Literacy Center. There will be firefighter training classes starting soon.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain reported the December 18, 2019 safety meeting topic was 'Driving Drowsy'. There were 10 employees at the meeting and no accidents to report for December. The Board reviewed the work orders and projects list. The Board discussed the need for a 12-foot box blade. Commissioner Palmer stated the price should be around \$5,900.00. Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded Commissioner Thomas to solicit bids for a box blade. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the financial reports.

Under New Business, the Board discussed an appointment to the Development Authority Board for the Higgston – Ailey militia district currently held by Tim Williamson. Tim Williamson, Bubba Collins and Heather Mead were nominated by the Development Authority for the position. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to postpone this appointment. Motion died due to the lack of a second. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to reappoint Tim Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Commissioners Thomas, Kenney and Adams voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Palmer voted against the motion. Commissioner Williamson abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to renew the Statewide Mutual Agreement Aid agreement with GEMA. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board signed an agreement with Icon for software for the Superior Court. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed need for a broom for the road department for sweeping edges of roads for paving purposes. Low Country Machinery originally quoted \$6,800.00 for a broom but this quote was a mistake because it was for a broom to be attached to a bobcat and not a backhoe. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to purchase a 96-inch broom from Low Country Machinery for \$10,800.00. Motion carried unanimously. This will be paid with SPLOST proceeds.

The Board agreed to adopt a resolution (Res. No. 20-01-01) amending the Building Permit Ordinance to set all building permits at \$25.00 on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board adopted the resolution (Res. No 12-01-02) to set and publish the 2020 qualifying fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Public Comments, Ken Patel, owner of Buzzy's asked the Board to consider allowing the sale of alcohol on Sunday in the unincorporated areas.

The Commissioners have a table reserved for the 2020 Annual Chamber Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Board scheduled a work session on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss Recreation and a work session on January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss Roads.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 21, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the work session was to discuss facilities for the Recreation Department. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

Recreation Director Steve McLeod discussed the lease agreement with the School Board on the old Elementary School gym. Commissioner Palmer said he could get the electrical issue and broken windows repaired at no cost. Montgomery County School Superintendent Hugh Kight agreed to work with the Recreation Department and allow one of the gyms to be used for recreation basketball.

The Board discussed the proposed new recreation facility on U.S. Highway 280 west of Ailey and agreed they must first request the property from the Development Authority.

The work session ended at 7:25 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CALLED MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2020

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss rural fire, recreation and roads. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Greg Palmer, Clarence Thomas and Tim Williamson.

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Fire Chiefs' President, Don Snivley, on the cost of radios for the fire departments. Funds received from a fire equipment surplus sale will fund the purchase. Mr. Snivley presented the following proposal:

Proceeds from surplus equipment	\$ 50,389.00
Labor – License	3,150.00
Montgomery Prison Fire	<u>(2,795.00)</u>
	\$ 44,444.00

	<u>Hand-Held</u>	<u>Case Batteries</u>	<u>Mobile</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Higgston	2	1	3	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 1,932.33
Alston	1	12	4	\$ 7,090.00	\$ 317.33
Mt Vernon	9	1	1	\$ 4,465.00	\$ 2,942.33
Uvalda	8	1	4	\$ 5,570.00	\$ 1,837.33
Ailey	5	2	1	\$ 3,495.00	\$ 3,912.33
Tarrytown	14	3	6	\$ 9,940.00	(\$ 2,532.67)

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board accepted this proposal. Motion carried unanimously. This surplus sale money must be spent on rural fire because the truck came from the Forestry Commission for the purpose of rural fire use. Tarrytown will supplement it purchase of radios in the amount of \$2,532.67.

The Board discussed the proposed new recreation facility. The Recreation Board will review a lease with the School Board for the old elementary school gym. On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Palmer the Board agreed to request the Development Authority not to obligate the 280 property for six months pending the outcome of the County's efforts in developing a plan to construct new recreation facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Superintendent Milton Fountain presented the Board the following quotes on a 12-foot box blade scraper:

Agri Supply	Lasseter Implement	Roam Plow
\$5,999.99	\$4,800.00	\$17,400.00

On a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to purchase the box blade scraper from Lasseter Implement for \$4,800.00 plus \$500.00 for the tilt blade. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a list of roads that will either be abandoned or deleted from the County's road list.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.